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1. The following information is based on personal observations [REDACTED] 25X1
2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are noted on photograph of HO Chart [REDACTED] by the following alphabetical designators: 25X1

- A. Anchorage
- B. Berth
- C. Panamanian Merchant Freighter
- D. Panamanian Merchant Freighter
- E. Finnish Merchant Freighter
- F. Finnish Merchant Freighter
- G. Coastal Freighter
- H. Coastal Freighter

3. Dates of Call [REDACTED] subject port aboard a motor tanker [REDACTED] 25X1
4. Cargo Vessel called in ballast and loaded 2557 metric tons crude benzol.
5. Weather Weather was cool; average temperature was 55°F on [REDACTED] 25X1
6. Arrival Vessel departed Rotterdam, Netherlands on 4 Aug 54 and arrived outside subject port at [REDACTED] German chart was used in navigation. Vessel dropped anchor at Red Buoy labeled designator A and waited four hours for pilot.

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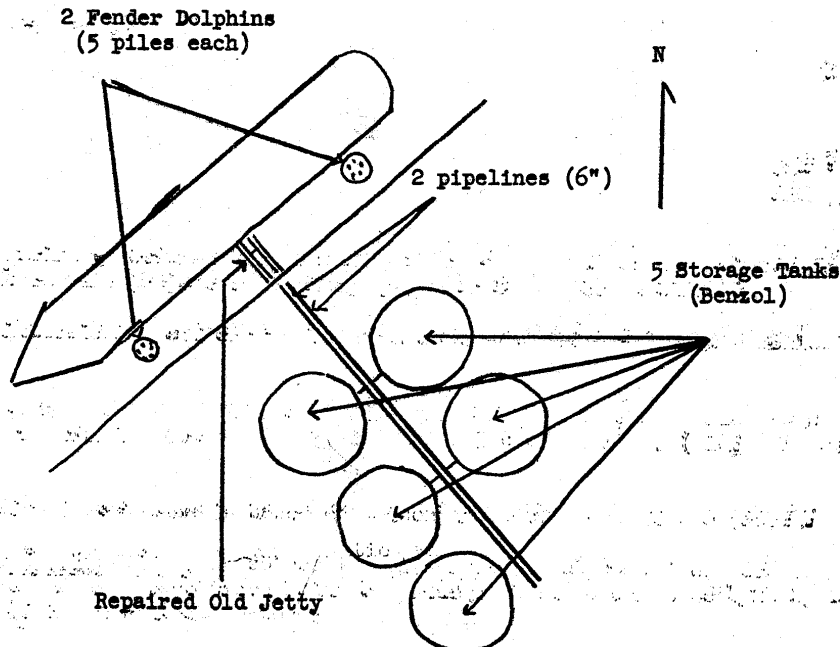
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7. Pilotage Pilot came aboard alone at 080400A [ ] [ ] vessel lifted anchor immediately thereafter, and reached berth at 080515A [ ] [ ] Pilot spoke English in addition to Polish and German, and he provided good service. Pilotage is compulsory, and most vessels may enter and leave during day or night. Benzol-carrying tankers, however, are allowed to enter subject port only during daylight hours. Vessel encountered satisfactory depth in reaching berth.

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8. Berth Vessel berthed at benzol loading wharf at designator B. Wharf was an old Jetty that has been recently repaired, and two new fender dolphins of five piles each have been sunk into the channel to facilitate berthing. Wharf arrangement and tank storage area layout is drawn below:



9. Boarding Inspection Boarding party of 10 men and one woman armed with pistols came aboard at 080800A [ ] [ ] after vessel had pumped ballast. Inspection was completed in one hour. Crew members were confined to their quarters. Cameras were not sealed, and no restriction was placed on photography.

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10. Cargo Operations Vessel pumped ballast before boarding inspection, cleaned tanks after inspection was completed, received clearance to load at 082000A [ ] [ ] and commenced loading cargo immediately from two 6" pipelines leading from five benzol storage tanks. Vessel loaded 2557 metric tons benzol at a rate of approximately 200 tons per hour, and completed operation at 091100A [ ] [ ] Four or five line operators were on duty on the wharf and aboard ship during the loading operation.

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11. Surveillance Two sentries armed with rifles and stationed on the wharf maintained a 24-hour surveillance on vessel. Only vessel's master was allowed to go ashore.

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25X1 12. Merchant Shipping Present Two Panamanian merchant freighters were berthed at designators C and D. Two Finnish merchant freighters were berthed at designators E and F. [ ] only nationality of these vessels as he passed them, and he could not supply names, further identification, or nature of cargo operations. Two unidentified coastal freighters, probably Polish, were loading coal at coal tips labeled designators G and H.

13. Naval Activity No naval vessels were observed during visit to subject port. 25X1

25X1 14. Departure Vessel completed loading at 091100A [ ] and boarding party came aboard three hours later. They conducted a 30-minute search. Pilot boarded at 091600A [ ] vessel departed harbor, and pilot was dropped at 091700A [ ] 25X1  
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